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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the marine products exported from various ports especially from the ports of Gujrat during 2005-06;

(b) the additional steps the Govt. proposes to take to increase exports of marine products from Gujrat by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA); and

(c) the details of steps being taken to enhance the storage capacity by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) As per the export figures compiled by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), on the basis of shipping bills and invoices, the export of marine products from various ports amounted to US $ 1190.44 million during 2005-06 (upto Dec.`2005). During this period, the export of marine products through the ports of Gujarat amounted to US $ 79.35 million.

(b) Steps taken to increase the export of marine products include the schemes for extending financial assistance for upgrading processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, imparting of training to aquaculture farmers, assistance for production of value-added products and marketing support.

(c) MPEDA extend financial assistance for setting up of cold storages.